

Keeping you informed...

What your Leadership Team has been working on:

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2014 State Meeting: ERAU March 7, 2014

The next AIE State Meeting, to be hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in Prescott, is scheduled for March 7, 2014.

This annual one-day event, which brings international education professional colleagues from all over Arizona together, is designed specifically to serve the interests of the AIE membership. That's why the planning committee is asking you to help by letting us know what you'd like to see addressed. Please tell us the topics



and issues we should include. If you know of people who are experts in their areas of concern, especially if you are one of those experts, please tell us about them. We are al-

ways looking for suggestions and creative ideas on how to make the state meeting interesting and worthwhile.



Forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues new to International Education!

Asia Society Project

The Asia Society has asked AIE to assist them in a project to map global connections, county-by-county across the United States. We have agreed to participate in this project by mapping the global connections for higher

education in our state. We'll be sharing more about this as soon as we have more information. In the meantime, think about how your institution steps outside the confines of the U.S. and engages in partnerships in other coun-

tries, and share that with us. There's more to come on this project.



**Reminder:
Membership is free!**

Completing and submitting a membership form will ensure listing on both the membership roll and the mailing list.

Click on the Membership Form located at:

<http://www.nau.edu/CIE/Arizona-International-Educators/>

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Non-Profit Status

We have been discussing and researching the benefits and options of non-profit status for AIE. AIE has functioned as an informal network of professional international educators since the early 1990s. At the 2013 State Meeting members of the AIE network voted to become structured as a formal organization with officers, Leadership Team, and operating guidelines. Non-profit status with the US Internal Revenue Service will allow AIE to function as a tax-exempt entity. We are examining the alternatives and options available, as well as the costs, time and work involved to complete the process. We have sought the advice of knowledgeable and experienced individuals who have given us both practical and legal guidance about this endeavor. We will be presenting information about this issue at the next state meeting on March 7, 2014. In the meantime we welcome your comments, thoughts, ideas, and questions.

Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)

Discussion and strategy-development centering on the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) standard which prohibits international/foreign students' participation in high school varsity athletics, continue to occupy our advocacy efforts. Progress goes slowly, since many more students than just a few in our state are affected. It is a nation-wide issue and we are seeking pathways to gaining notice from both NAFSA Region II and the national NAFSA leadership. We'll keep

you informed about this issue and provide an update at the 2014 State Meeting. Please be in touch with anyone on the leadership team if you have questions, or can offer your assistance or suggestions for moving toward a cooperative and fair compromise with the AIA .

